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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Toshiki NAITO, *et al.*

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Examiner: Cathy Fong Fong LAM

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please consider the remarks below in response to the Action mailed November 21, 2005.

Claims 1-4 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. SECTION NO. 1: FOREIGN PRIORITY DOCUMENT

At the Office Action Summary page and Section No. 1 (page 2) of the Office Action, the examiner indicates that a certified copy of the foreign priority document (JP 2002-294787) (" JP '787") has not been submitted.

Applicants respectfully disagree.

A certified copy of JP '787 was indeed filed on October 8, 2003. As evidence, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the date-stamped filing receipt from October 8th as evidence of the submission. In addition, Applicants kindly direct the examiner's attention to the Image File Wrapper available for the present application on the PAIR website. The Image File Wrapper contains a link to an electronic copy of the submitted foreign priority document.

II. SECTION NO. 3: REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

At Section No. 3 (pages 2 and 3) of the Office Action, Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,919,513 ("Chung") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,633,002 ("Atou").

Applicants respectfully traverse.

Applicants are submitting herewith a sworn translation of the priority application for the present application (JP '787) in order to disqualify Chung from being prior art against the present application. JP '787 was filed in Japan on October 8, 2002, whereas Chung was filed in the U.S. on July 18, 2003. Accordingly, Chung is disqualified as a result of the filing of the sworn translation of JP '787.

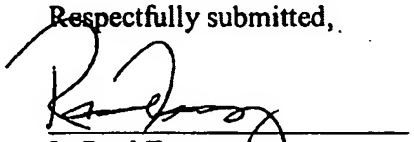
Withdrawal of the §103 rejection is requested.

III. CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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